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SUBJECT: U.S.-KOREAN TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS: FIRST SESSION

1. AFTER OPENING FORMALITIES U.S. REQUESTED ROK PROVIDE BACKGROUND FOR ANTICIPATED EXPORTS TO U.S. UNDER DESIGNATED CONSULTATION LEVELS CONTAINED IN LIST FURNISHED TO U.S. IN AUGUST.

2. ROK DEL RESPONDED BY STATING THAT ROK INTERPRETED BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT TO REQUIRE U.S. TO AFFORD TO CATEGORIES UNDER CONSULTATION LEVELS TREATMENT MORE FAVORABLE THAN THAT AFFORDED CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY FEATURES OF THIS TREATMENT OTHER THAN TO STATE THAT CONSULTATION LEVELS AND INCREASES IN CONSULTATION LEVELS ONCE GRANTED COULD NEVER BE REDUCED BUT FORMED NEW BASE.

3. U.S. DEL STATED ROK INTERPRETATION WAS CLEARLY INCORRECT AND UNACCEPTABLE. U.S. CALLED ATTENTION OF ROK DEL TO WORDING OF AGREEMENT WHICH STATED ONLY THAT U.S. COULD ASK FOR CONSULTATIONS IF ROK ANTICIPATED EXPORTS PRESENTED "PROBLEMS" AND IN ABSENCE OF MUTUALLY

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8 (B) (II) OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT PERMITTED U.S. TO SET LEVEL. U.S. DEL MADE CLEAR U.S. DEL INTENDED TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS. U.S. DEL FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT GREATER FLEXIBILITY OFFERED BY PLACEMENT OF CATEGORIES UNDER CONSULTATION LEVELS CANNOT BE ONE-WAY STREET WHEN DEVELOPMENTS ADVERSE TO U.S. INDUSTRY OCCUR.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF SESSION ROK PROVIDED REVISED LIST OF ANTICIPATED EXPORTS BROKEN DOWN INTO THREE GROUPS ON BASIS OF PERCENTAGE FULFILLMENT OF QUOTA. IN A FEW INSTANCES, PARTICULARLY FOR CATEGORIES WITH QUOTA FULFILLMENT OF LESS THAN 60 PERCENT, ROK REDUCED AMOUNTS OF ANTICIPATED EXPORTS.

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